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1. EMBOFF SEPT 13 ASKED FOR CHILEAN REACTION TO RECENT TALKS IN LA PAZ FROM HEAD OF CHILEAN DELEGATION, FONMIN POLITICAL ADVISOR BERNSTEIN. LATTER SAID PORT CHARGES HAD BEEN LONG LASTING SORE POINT WITH BOLIVIA. MEETING IN LA PAZ AT TECHNICAL LEVEL EARLY 1973 HAD FAILED BECAUSE CHILEAN DELEGATION LACKED NECESSARY NEGOTIATING POWER. FONMIN RATHER THAN TECHNICAL REP THEREFORE HEADED TALKS IN LA PAZ EARLIER THIS MONTH, AND FON MIN REP WOULD CHAIR FOLLOW UP MEETING IN SANTIAGO.

2. BERNSTEIN SAID PORT CHARGES ARE DIFFICULT MATTER. BOLIVIANS WERE MORE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT NOMENCLATURE AND TARIFF STRUCTURE, WHICH ARE WRITTEN TO CONFORM MORE TO CHILE'S IMPORT NEEDS THAN TO BOLIVIA'S. GOC WANTS TO DO ALL IT REASONABLE CAN TO HELP BOLIVIA AND WILL TAKE PARTICULAR PAINS WITH HANDLING OF

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IMPORTS OF BASIC IMPORTANCE TO BOLIVIA.

3. BERNSTEIN FOUND BOLIVIANS AGREEABLE AND ENVIRONMENT OF LA PAZ VISIT VERY PLEASANT. SAID GOC-GOB RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT AND DISCOUNTED AS NECESSARY PROPAGANDA OCCASIONAL BOLIVIAN TALK ABOUT OPENING TO THE SEA.

4. BERNSTEIN VISITED ARICA AFTER LA PAZ TRIP, FOUND THE PORT FUNCTIONING WELL BUT A BACK-UP IN HANDLING BOLIVIAN CARGO BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF LOCOMOTIVES IN PORT AREA. SAID ALSO THAT BOLIVIANS SCHEDULE SHIP ARRIVALS POORLY, AND PROBLEM COMPOUNDED WHEN SHIPS GO TO ARICA OR ANTOFAGASTA ON FINDING THEY CANNOT DISCHARGE AT PERUVIAN PORT OF MATARANI.

5. COMMENT. STATE OF CHILEAN-PERUVIAN RELATIONS ENCOURAGES GOC TO CLEAR AIR WITH BOLIVIA.
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